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SUBJECT: LYKES-YOUNGSTOWN INTEREST IN JOINT-VENTURE WITH AMPTC

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE LYKES-YOUNGSTOWN EXEC. V.P.
BERKEFELD AND CONSULTANT BARRY TAYLOR.
QUOTE: KATTOUF MET TODAY WITH ABDULRAHMAN SULTAN RE YOUR PRO-
POSAL. SULTAN HAD ALREADY RECEIVED PROPOSAL FROM MADOUH. SULTAN
SAW NUMBER OF PROBLEMS. HE STATED ARAB MARITIME PETROLEUM
TRANSPORT CO. CAN ONLY FLY FLAG OF ITS CONSTITUENT MEMBERS.
AUTHORIZATION TO FORM JOINT-VENTURE WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM
MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF AMPTC WHICH COMPOSED OF ONE MINISTER
FROM EACH MEMBER STATE. OBVIOUS POLITICAL PROBLEMS COULD ENSUE.
MOREOVER, AMPTC HOPES LEGISLATION RESTRICTING CARGOES ENTERING
U.S. PORTS WILL FAIL AND IS OBVIOUSLY NOT GOING TO CROSS THAT
BRIDGE UNTIL IT COMES TO IT. NEVERTHELESS, SULTAN WILLING TO
SEE YOU AND HAS STAFF MEMBERS GOING OVER PROPOSAL'S "NUMBERS".
WE UNABLE TO SEE ANYONE FROM KOGEC BUT BELIEVE KOGEC LIKELY
TO BE AGENCY THROUGH WHICH GOK ENTERS INTO JOINT-VENTURE WITH
KUWAIT OIL TANKERS CO. FROM KATTOUF'S TALKS WITH OMAR AL-TAHER
BELIEVE KOTC WILLING CONSIDER PROPOSAL FURTHER ONCE MERGER WITH
GOVERNMENT EFFECTED. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU PLAN RETURN VISIT
TO KUWAIT.

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